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Challenges of Electrification of Villages
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has given guidelines/directions to various States/UTs to combat various challenges of rural electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the targets of rural electrification have been achieved in all the States during the last three years;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of villages and households in each State that remained un-electrified as on 30 June, 2017; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure proper rural electrification in all the villages and households across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : Government of India has launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) to address the challenges of rural electrification.

Apart from implementation of village electrification, the scheme includes feeder separation, augmentation and strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution system. It also envisages close monitoring at Central level through inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee, at State Level Standing Committee (SLSC), headed by Chief Secretary and at the District level, through DISHA.

(c) & (d) : Under DDUGJY, most of the targets for electrification of villages have been achieved during the last three years except in some of the States due to delay in forest & railway clearances, land acquisition for 33/11 KV sub-stations, Right of Way (RoW) issues, providing BPL lists, law & order issues including naxal problem and difficult terrain in some of the States.

(e) & (f) As per information provided by the States, as on 30.06.2017, there are 3,618 un-electrified census villages. The State-wise details are furnished at Annexure-I. As per Census 2011, there were 7.50 crore un-electrified rural households. Under RE component of DDUGJY 2.63 crore BPL Households have been electrified till 30.06.2017. The details of the same are furnished at Annexure-II.

In addition to details given in parts (a) and (b) above, Government of India has also taken up a joint initiative with all States/UTs for State specific documents for providing 24x7 power supply to all households/homes.

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